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to the

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on

PREPARATORY MEASURES FOR THE BERLIN CRISIS (C)

References: a. J.C.S. 1907/167 9172 Berlin/910  
b. J.C.S. 1907/176

1. The enclosed memorandum by the Chief of Naval Operations, dated 7 March 1959, together with its attachments (Appendix with Annexes "A" and "B" thereto), is circulated for information.
2. This paper was considered by the J-3 in preparation of J.C.S. 1907/176.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

for the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

PREPARATORY MEASURES FOR THE BERLIN CRISIS (C)

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1. J.C.S. 1907/167 sets forth certain preparatory measures both naval and political, that the Chief of Naval Operations thought should and could be done in order to improve national readiness for the Berlin crisis. Certain of these preparatory measures were stated in general terms. The Appendix provides amplifying detail, particularly with regard to personnel and ships, which should be considered in connection with any possible declaration of limited emergency.\*

2. In setting forth these measures the element of additional cost has not been considered. In event any or all of these measures are carried out full DOD support of financial commitments must be obtained.

\* "Limited emergency" as used herein refers to the Presidential declaration of a national emergency for the purpose of recall of Reserve personnel as required by the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952.

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A P P E N D I X

DETAILED PREPARATORY MEASURES

A. Present Posture:

1. Total naval personnel: 635,000

2. Ships: 864

3. Aircraft: 7595

4. Fleet Manning Level: 80.5%

(Fleet Manning Level is: the ratio of peacetime allowance to wartime complement)

5. Ready Reserve Forces: Total 252,000 personnel

B. On the basis of an expanded national effort additional personnel could be utilized as follows by 1 May 1959:

1. Raise the fleet manning levels from present peacetime allowance (81%) to Korea level of 94%. This would require 38,900 additional personnel. From the point of view of personnel manning level both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets would then have the capability of continuous steaming.

2. Activate Selected Reserve ships and squadrons as per Annex "A". This would require an additional 14,689 personnel.

(Ships: 4,580; air: 10,109.)

3. Activate additional ships - see Annex "B". This would require an additional 39,578 personnel.

4. The grand total of additional personnel requirements would thus be 93,167.

C. Sources of additional personnel:

1. With the declaration of a limited emergency: 252,000 ready reserves.

2. Without declaration of a limited emergency: 20,725 personnel.  
(See Section D).

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D. Personnel action which can be accomplished without declaration of a limited emergency:

1. Discontinue transfers of enlisted personnel to fleet reserve.
2. Stop discharge of enlisted personnel and retain involuntarily at one and one quarter pay.
3. Discontinue voluntary resignations, retirements, and reversions of officers as well as releases of Reserve officers.
4. Graduate Naval War College officer students one month early (1 May).
5. Graduate students now attending the General Line School one month early (1 May).
6. Extend active duty tours "contract" NROTC officers.
7. Increase voluntary enlistments.
8. Recall those enlisted Reserves who desire to volunteer for active duty.

Above actions will produce net gain in strength of 4794. In addition to above the following action can be accomplished but is not recommended since it will jeopardize future qualitative personnel posture:

1. Close all Class A enlisted schools and reassign personnel to fleet and operational billets - 15,931.

E. Comments:

1. Declaration of a limited emergency and partial mobilization is the most realistic way of providing for items under Section B above.
2. An additional measure would be to authorize MSTS to utilize civilian manpower more fully in order to conserve military manpower.

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CAPABILITY OF SELECTED RESERVE TO PROVIDE  
OPERATIONAL FORCES BY 1 MAY 1959

1. On 1 May, the Selected Reserve will be capable of providing operational ship and aircraft squadrons for immediate duty with the fleet, if a limited emergency is declared, as indicated below:

a. Ships

(1) With Reserve Crews (estimated average manning level equivalent to peacetime fleet manning level)

(a) Atlantic

15 DE

(b) Pacific

7 DE

4 DD

(2) Naval Reserve Training Ships currently operational are 5 DD and 7 DE.

b. Aircraft Squadrons

(1) Atlantic

Type	Number of Squadrons	Aircraft
VS	7	121 S2F
VP	9	89 P2V
VF/VA	8	70 Jet, 42 Prop
HS/HU	2	33 HSS/HUP
VR	7 (Reserve size)	20 R5D
ZP	1	2 ZS6-4

(2) Pacific

VS	3	53 S2F
VP	1	12 P2V
VF/VA	7	42 Jet, 14 Prop
HU/HS	1	20 HSS/HUP
VR	6 (Reserve size)	13 R5D

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Annex "A"

## ANNEX "B"

UNITS WHICH COULD BE ACTIVATED WITHIN A TWO MONTHS PERIOD  
ON THE BASIS OF A DECLARATION OF LIMITED EMERGENCY.

A. CATEGORY "B" SRT SHIPS (94% ML) RECOMMISSION

<u>Units</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
13 AO	3458
4 AE	1032
3 AKS	726
2 AR	1920
1 AD	762
1 CVS	2049
36 DD	10224
36 DE	6408
1 CA	1545
10 SS	820
11 AKA	3784
TOTAL	<u>32728</u>

B. REACTIVATE SHIPS UNDERGOING INACTIVATION TO 94%

<u>Units</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
1 APA	423
1 PC	171
1 PCE	91
1 CVS	2052
1 SSR	95
1 CA	1545
1 AKA	344
3 APD	537
1 AKS	248
1 AKA	344
TOTAL	<u>5850</u>

Note: These ships can be commissioned within two months.  
Partial crews are on board - additional personnel required to bring to 94% complement - 1000.

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Annex "B"

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2. This page is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of the attached revised pages.

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